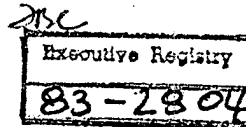


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Hon. William J. Casey
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Dear Bill:

Eastern Airlines in their airline magazine has been carrying a profile on John LeCarre (David Cornwell). As you undoubtedly know, he was himself involved in some aspects of the clandestine British Intelligence Service affair a number of years ago. His spy stories, from the first one which became a great success, "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold", to his more recent ones involving "Smiley's People" have all advanced a common conception of intelligence work -- that those involved in it are cynical, disillusioned, amoral, and in fundamental respects no different from those of their KGB adversaries.

In several television interviews I have seen, he has essentially reinforced this view. Nowhere, incidentally, in any of his books do I recall even passing reference to the analytic work performed by intelligence organizations. I, therefore, found it striking at the close of this profile of LeCarre-Cornwell to read the paragraph which I have underlined. You above all deserve to see it.

Cordially,

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P.S. I will be calling you to make an appointment with you as DCI to discuss the new project I have agreed to run. You are central in it.

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